

11/18/72 We Have So Much For Which To Thank Cyril Dept.: A western Pa. college prof. who had solicited and gotten my opinion, has sent me clips from Pgh. Post Gazette 8/28/72 and Pgh. Press 8/27/72. Not worth time of copying for you, if I had paper. In addition to the gems of wisdom that have glittered before, there are these pearls: "I was quite amazed at the pristine state of that bullet. It was just dented a bit [sic] in front." and "Wecht said he is certain there was a coverup of some [sic] information but he didn't think the Warren Commission was to blame, although he said it did a 'sloppy' job." The thing about Cyril is that if one omits the "W" one has said it all. In case you are tired, it is "echt"!! EW

At Least 2 JFK Killers, Wecht Says

By RANDY RIELAND

Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht —after viewing evidence at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.—said he is convinced former President John F. Kennedy fell victim to more than one assassin.

Wecht made the declaration yesterday during a press conference in Rockwell Hall of Duquesne University following two days of examination of government evidence from the 1963 assassination.

One 'Couldn't Do It'

"There had to be at least two persons," he said. "This study has confirmed my belief that one man couldn't possibly have done everything the Warren Commission said he did."

The first private pathologist to view the materials and information in the Archives, Wecht said he was able to study the former President's clothing, several X rays, the alleged murder weapon, and the bullet that supposedly passed through Kennedy's body into former Texas Gov. John Connally who was riding with Kennedy.

"I am perfectly satisfied that that bullet didn't go through two bodies," he noted. "I was quite amazed at the pristine state of that bullet. It was just dented a bit in the front.

"As far as I'm concerned, the single bullet theory is absolutely untenable from a scientific standpoint," he continued. "And it (the single bullet theory) is the basis of the single assassin theory."

Wecht said, however, that he was not permitted to see other "extremely relevant" materials, including Kennedy's still-preserved brain, and photographs and microscopic slides made during the

autopsy.

"Not only was I not permitted to see them but in several cases I was told no one knew the whereabouts of some of these materials, including the brain," he said.

Evidence Missing

He added that, if there had been a murder trial after the assassination, "any judge I know" would have had to dismiss the case because of the evidence that had been destroyed or "lost."

"It's obvious this was a military and not a scientific medical undertaking," he charged.

Wecht said he is certain there was a coverup of some information but didn't think the Warren Commission was to blame, although he said it did a "sloppy job."

He said he now will seek an investigation of the evidence in the Archives by a panel of private specialists in pathology, radiology, criminology and firearms.

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